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Dear Parents and Carers,

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Re: **Year 11 Attendance and Academic Progress**

We are all very proud of year 11 for their effort and conduct during the recent mock exams. We will be giving them a reward during tutor time on Friday 13 November. It is now essential that we return to normal routines, and focus on an important 12 weeks until the next set of mock exams is upon us.

We understand the pressures students face during the mock exams, and our attendance during the mock exams for year 11 was above national average. However, since then it has dipped and we are concerned that if this becomes a pattern then students will start to develop gaps in learning and knowledge that disadvantage them in the summer. Maintaining regular attendance remains essential for their continued development and final exam preparation.

Our internal data and national trends highlight a strong correlation between attendance and final GCSE outcomes:

- Students with attendance above 90% perform significantly better at GCSE, with 76% achieving a grade 4+ in English and maths, and 53% achieving a grade 5+.
- Overall attainment for students with 90%+ attendance is, on average, over 4 grades higher across their subjects compared to those with attendance below 90%.

Every lesson during Year 11 is designed to master key curriculum content, consolidate learning, and deliver crucial examination techniques. Missing school at this critical juncture directly affects a student's confidence, subject knowledge, and preparedness for their final assessments.

We ask for your continued partnership to ensure your child attends every lesson, every day. If your child is facing difficulties or requires additional support, please contact the year 11 pastoral team Mrs Mynard or Mrs Huggett so we can work together to ensure they remain fully engaged and supported.

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Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation.

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